

GALENA, OCTOBER 10th, 3 O'CLOCK.

Great Chicago Fire

THE FIRE OUT!

Explosion of the Gas Works.

Shipping Burned!

The Court House a mass of Ruins.

The Catholic Cathedral Destroyed!

Thieves Holding High Carnival!

The County Records Partly Saved!

Hundreds of People Freezing and Starving on the Streets.

Three Million Bushels of Wheat Burned.

Urgent Call for Cooked Food to Feed the Sufferers.

P. & TELEGRAPH NOW WORKING TO CHICAGO

Elgin, Oct. 10.—11:50 A. M.—People are arriving from Chicago, in carriages, many of them only half dressed. The citizens are fixing Union Hall in this city, with cook stoves and tables for accommodation of the Chicago sufferers that are constantly arriving in town. They are going to furnish them with good warm meals as well as they can for the present. There was a car load of provisions sent from here to Chicago by the 7 o'clock train, and the bakeries are running day and night, making bread for the Chicago sufferers. A train is just coming in from Chicago, having on board many who have suffered by this most terrible fire.

Elgin, Oct. 10.—Rain fell in Chicago last night. The fire is checked. The remainder of the West side is likely to be saved. Railroad Companies are carrying provisions into the city free of charge, and everything is being done for the relief of sufferers. The Court House caught fire first upon the dome, from flying cinders. The fire at this point was extinguished, but again started and on account of the high wind nothing could be done to stay the progress of the flames. The fire falling from the dome, down the stair case, through the centre of the building, no doubt caused its destruction.

Elgin, Oct. 10.—Sunday passed away in quiet, but towards evening the wind which had been blowing quite stifly all day became a gale. About 9 p. m. an alarm of fire was given from 13th street, to which but little attention was paid save by the firemen, but it was soon after followed by a general alarm, and the report went out that the south side was burning. Still the people living near Washington, Madison, Randolph and Lake streets, although aware that a terrible fire was raging, were utterly unconscious of the terrible calamity that was moving on wings of fire and with lightning speed toward themselves. About midnight it became apparent that the flames would attack the heart of the

city, and the work of moving merchandise from the great stores and warehouses commenced. The lake shore seemed to be the objective point of safety, and everything that could be hurriedly carried there was brought and piled as close to the water as possible. Vast quantities of goods were put in the LaSalle Street tunnel, but the smoke became so dense in that vast subterranean highway that it was impossible to enter it. About one o'clock the great gas building took fire and its explosion shook the earth as if an earthquake was rolling beneath the burning city. The Court House was deemed impregnable to the fury of the fire but the flames burst through and in one hour afterward it was a shapeless mass of stone. Then onward across the street and South Water Street west, the fire sometimes skipping a block in advance, leaping and changing the majestic buildings and ridding steadily on to the river. At 7 a. m. several ships lying between Wells and State streets were on fire and soon after Wells and Clark streets bridges were burned. Then the work of fire commenced on the North side, and in a little time the flames had pushed way north to Superior street. Lill's great brewery was burned to the ground in twenty minutes and the immense cathedral with its enormous towers rolled to the earth with a crash that was even it is said felt on the West side, and so northward went the flames, advancing up to Lincoln Park. During the part of Sunday night notwithstanding the efforts of the fire patrol the thieves held high revel and such a carnival of robbery perhaps never took place in a civilized city. A patrol man was stationed at each block but they were comparatively powerless. The water supply failed at 7 a. m. Such engines as were in working order were confined for their section to the river. The west side has escaped the fire, and at this writing the fire is out. Some say a part of the county records are saved, while others claim that they are totally lost. The losses are estimated at \$500,000,000, but through western enterprise this generation will now see a greater city rise by Lake Michigan than the grand metropolis that vanished in flames, on yesterday. No person who traveled even the west side on yesterday, will forget the spectacle, for beyond Union park the people were all out of doors the streets presented lines of luggage packed for freight. The churches and school houses were filled with the unfortunate refugees. The trains leaving the city were loaded with people fleeing for their lives and all over the North side we could see a dense cloud of smoke that reached to the heavens, it was truly awful. Mr. Devine who came from Chicago this morning reports that there are hundreds now shivering and freezing on the bare and bleached prairie.

We advise all to take additional precautions now against fire; the Western Insurance Companies must go up and it is said that the standing of several Eastern Companies will be seriously affected. Not less than three million bushels of wheat have been burned. The dispatches say the fire is out and the West side safe.

Latest—Newberry's warehouse is reported caved so in Meane Lumber & Meekers coal yards on the North side.

A dispatch received in this city from Mr. Gault by authority of Mayor Mason says people are requested not to come to Chicago. Send us all the cooked provisions you can. A very large amount of provisions will be needed from all parts of the Northwest. There was a fine rain last night in Chicago and the fire is now expending itself near Lincoln park. The worst is over.